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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the next Office Action on the merits. We are enclosing herewith a copy of each document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified).

European Patent Document No. EP 0 293 815 and German Patent Document No. DE 26 08 863, which are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified), are not in English. A concise, English-language explanation of the relevance of European Patent Document No. EP 0 293 815 is set forth below:

European Patent Document No. EP 0 293 815 discloses a process for the preparation of a supported catalyst wherein the chemical bond between support and metallocene is obtained by reaction of an alkoxy group bond to silicon and the hydroxy group of the support. The synthesis of this catalyst is difficult and very low yields were obtained. Furthermore the catalytic activity in α -olefin polymerization is quite low.

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A concise, English-language explanation of the relevance of German Patent Document No. DE 26 08 863 is set forth below:

German Patent Document No. DE 26 08 863 describes the use of bis(cyclopentadienyl) titanium dialkyl in combination with trialkylaluminium and a controlled amount of water.

The filing of this IDS shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

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